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By Email and First Class Mail

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Re: Williams at al. v. DeVos, Civil Action No. 16-11949-LTS

Dear Attorney Kaplan:

I am in receipt of the letter dated November 28, 2018 that you sent to my client, Secretary Elisabeth DeVos, regarding the Court's October 24, 2018 Order in the above-captioned litigation ("Order").

As you are aware, in its Order, the Court:

- (1) allow[ed] in part and deni[ed] in part the [67] plaintiffs' Motion for Judgment, as described below;
- (2) denie[d] the [80] Secretary's Motion for Judgment;
- (3) vacate[d] the certifications for offset as to Williams and Taveras;
- (4) declare[d] that Attorney General Healey's letter, Doc. No. 47-1, required the Secretary to render a decision on the merits of Williams and Taveras's borrower defenses;
- (5) remand[ed] this matter to the Secretary for redetermination of her certification decision, including consideration of the borrower defense asserted by Attorney General Healey's letter, Doc. No. 47-1, on behalf of Williams and Taveras;
- (6) order[ed] the Secretary to report on the status and timing of her decision in 60 days (12/24/2018); and

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(7) retain[ed] jurisdiction of this matter in the event of an appeal from or challenge to the administrative decision ordered by paragraph 5 and any subsequent decision regarding certification for offset as to Williams and Taveras.

Williams at al. v. DeVos, Civil Action No. 16-11949-LTS, ECF No. 99. The Secretary intends to comply with the letter of the Court's Order and, accordingly, will describe her compliance efforts in a status report filed with the Court on or before December 24, 2018.

Please contact me directly should you have any further concerns regarding this litigation.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jessica P. Driscoll

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